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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT GEISEL'S

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING ADVANCE TEXT
OF LETTER DATED JUNE 24 FROM THE PRESIDENT TO BRAZILIAN
PRESIDENT GEISEL.

BEGIN TEXT : DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: BOTH ROSALYNN AND I WERE
GREATLY PLEASED WITH THE SUCCESS OF HER VISIT TO BRAZIL. I
WISH TO ADD MY PERSONAL THANKS TO YOU FOR THE GRACIOUS
RECEPTION SHE RECEIVED FROM YOU AND MRS. GEISEL, FROM THE
MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND FROM THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE.

ROSALYNN HAS INFORMED ME FULLY ON THE LENGTHY AND FRANK
CONVERSATIONS SHE HELD IN BRASILIA ON MAJOR ISSUES OF CON-
CERN TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. FROM OUR SIDE, WE BELIEVE
THAT THIS DIRECT EXCHANGE WAS INVALUABLE IN GIVING US A
BETTER PERCEPTION OF THE BRAZILIAN VIEW OF WORLD PROBLEMS,
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AND OF BRAZIL'S NATIONAL GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS. WE HOPE
THAT IT ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASED BRAZILIAN UNDERSTAND-
ING OF SOME OF THE MAJOR DIRECTIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF UNITED
STATES POLICIES.

I THINK IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED
CANDID AND DETAILED TREATMENT OF ISSUES ON WHICH OUR

ASSESSMENTS AND STRATEGIES DIFFER--AND EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT THAT IN MANY WAYS OUR ULTIMATE ENDS COINCIDE.

I WAS PLEASED BY YOUR REAFFIRMATION THAT WE MUST STRENGTHEN HUMAN RIGHTS AS A GLOBAL GOAL. I AGREE THAT WE MUST SEEK, OVER THE YEARS, TO END ABUSES AND DEFICIENCIES. AND I NOTED YOUR CONCERN THAT EFFORTS TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS NOT CONFLICT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AS YOU KNOW, WE TOO SUPPORT THOSE PRINCIPLES. WE ALSO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE OBLIGATION TO PROMOTE RESPECT AND OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS --ON WHICH OUR WESTERN CIVILIZATION HAS BEEN BUILT, AND TO WHICH WE ARE PLEDGED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER--GOES BEYOND NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. IN OUR HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS, WE ARE HOPING TO CREATE AN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE EVERY GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ITS PEOPLE.

ON THE QUESTIONS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NON-PROLIFERATION, I WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE EQUALLY FRANK AND USEFUL. THEY REINFORCED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR WORLD PEACE AND ORDER, OF BRAZIL'S NEED FOR SECURE ENERGY SUPPLIES, OF YOUR INTEREST IN NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, AND OF YOUR WILLINGNESS, IN PRINCIPLE, TO COOPERATE IN EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF PROLIFERATION.

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THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM, WHICH I HAVE PROPOSED, IS INTENDED TO EXAMINE THESE AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WHICH CONCERN BOTH THE SUPPLIERS AND THE CONSUMERS OF NUCLEAR FUEL. WE HOPE THAT BRAZIL WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS ENDEAVOR. AS ROSALYNN POINTED OUT, I REMAIN PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT PROLIFERATION DANGERS INHERENT IN PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING FACILITIES AND THE USE OF PLUTONIUM ITSELF AS A NUCLEAR FUEL.

I WAS PARTICULARLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO GIVE SOME FURTHER THOUGHT TO BRINGING THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO INTO EFFECT, AND I HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS TO THIS END CAN BE HELD SOON. AT THE SAME TIME, I APPRECIATE THE SECURITY CONCERNS WHICH YOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA EXPRESSED.

THERE ARE MANY FACETS OF THESE GENERAL ISSUES WHICH WARRANT MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION ON A BILATERAL, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL, BASIS IF WE ARE TO RECONCILE THE NEED FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY WITH THE DESIRE TO PREVENT PROLIFERATION. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR EXCHANGE ON THESE SUBJECTS WHEN WE

HAVE MORE THOROUGHLY STUDIED YOUR VIEWS.

IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, ROSALYNN AND I SEE HER VISIT TO BRAZIL AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN AN ONGOING DIALOGUE. SECRETARY VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA HAVE NOW MET TWICE AND ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS LATER IN THE YEAR. WE HOPE THAT SUBSIDIARY BILATERAL GROUPS FOR CONSULTATIONS AND COOPERATION WILL LIKEWISE CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITY. IN ADDITION TO CLOSE AND ONGOING COORDINATION THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS, WE ENVISION THAT OTHER OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES WILL BE IN TOUCH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ON SPECIFIC ISSUES WITHIN THEIR COMPETENCE.

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I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE ON MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE OUR ATTENTION.

AGAIN, MR. PRESIDENT, I EXTEND TO YOU MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE COURTESIES AND HOSPITALITY WHICH ROSALYNN RECEIVED IN BRAZIL. I ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO MAKE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE, IN KEEPING WITH THE TRADITIONAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP THAT HAVE LINKED US FOR A CENTURY AND A HALF. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER, END TEXT. LETTER ALSO HAS HANDWRITTEN POSTSCRIPT: BEGIN QUOTE. P.S. ROSALYNN SENDS HER PERSONAL REGARDS. J.C. END QUOTE.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED.

3. BRAZILIAN EMBASSY HAS DELIVERED TODAY TEXT OF GEISEL LETTER, ALSO OF JUNE 24, WHICH, PARALLEL TO ABOVE EXPRESSES PLEASURE OVER MRS. CARTER'S VISIT AND COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES DISCUSSED IN VISIT, (TEXT BEING SENT SEPTTEL). YOU SHOULD POINT OUT ON DELIVERING MESSAGE THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS "CROSSED." VANCE

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